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SUBJECT: GERMAN AMBASSADOR EXPECTED TO BE REPLACED

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Baron von Hirbach, Counselor of the Germany Embassy here, told the reporting officer in confidence this morning that Ambassador Pauelke is proceeding to Germany on leave on May 29 and is expected to be replaced next October. Ambassador Pauelke may return briefly at that time.

Von Hirbach received this information in private communications from friends in the Foreign Office at Bonn who desired to tip him off that he will be unable to carry out his own plans for leave this summer. While these friends were dubious regarding Ambassador Pauelke's replacement in October, they did not know the circumstances.

Von Hirbach said that this development appeared to be the result of the personal feud between his Ambassador and Dr. Adenauer which he said was partly ideological and partly attitudinal. His comment was "I believe both sides have committed errors in the conflict, in one which one has the most guilt." According to Von Hirbach, Pauelke resents the fact that Dean Acheson, Walter Bruch, presumably and ambassador rather close contact with Chancellor Adenauer and with the people in Germany because he is in the middle and of course, in Chile. Von Hirbach also considers Pauelke a rigorous, he does not know but he believes that Pauelke made derogatory remarks about Dr. Adenauer, head of the Ministry of Economics, who was one of Pauelke's friends despite the fact that Pauelke is an outsider and Erhard a former SS man. Apparently Pauelke's criticism found its way to Adenauer who took offense. Von Hirbach said the principle of having some alternation in the post which has been almost surrounded.

Von Hirbach said that, of course, he has to support his Ambassador but he intends to keep out of the fight and go ahead quietly doing his job.

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